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Arkansas Environmental Personnel: Louie C. Cockmon Jr. (Retired Regulatory Chief, L.R. Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) Passes Away

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Mr. Louie C. Cockmon, Jr. passed away on August 1st at the age of 95.

Mr. Cockmon retired in 1996 as the Chief of the Permits Branch for the Little Rock District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps").

Prior positions included becoming one of six full-time employees of the "newly staffed Arkansas Water Pollution Control Commission ('AWPCC')." The AWPCC later evolved into the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, and subsequently the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality. He is stated to have been Assistant Director of the developing agency upon leaving in 1971.

Mr. Cockmon subsequently joined the Corps as an Environmental Engineer for the Little Rock District serving as Chief of the Permits Division. This section of the Little Rock District is now known as the Regulatory Division. The Regulatory Division evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in United States waters, including wetlands.

Education achievements included obtaining a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (and later becoming a Registered Professional Engineer) and a Master's Degree from Harvard University.

Mr. Cockmon was inducted into the Arkansas River Historical Society's Hall of Fame in 2016 for his contributions to environmental work on the Arkansas River during his career.

A copy of his obituary can be found [here](#).